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## Viewing cable **05PORTAUPRINCE1628, HAITI: BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ON IGOH'S FAILURE TO ADDRESS JUDICIAL REFORM AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE COUNTRY**

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">05PORTAUPRINCE1628</a>	<a href="#">2005-06-13 13:52</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Port Au Prince</a>

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<http://www.haiti-liberte.com/archives/volume4-52/La%20nomination%20de%20Gousse.asp>  
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SUBJECT: HAITI: BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ON IGOH'S FAILURE TO ADDRESS JUDICIAL REFORM AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE COUNTRY

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Douglas Griffiths, REASONS 1.5(B ) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Poloff discussed the deplorable state of the judiciary, prolonged pretrial detention, and the deteriorating security situation  
Prolonged Pretrial Detention and Other Judicial Woes  
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[1](#)2. (U) Well-versed on the Haitian legal system combined with over 20 years of experience, Gervais Charles assumed the presidency of the Port-a

[1](#)3. (C) Charles noted that the staff at the parquet is overwhelmed by its caseload and the building, poorly situated in downtown Port-au-Prince

[1](#)4. (U) Charles also attributed the judicial system inertia to lack of judicial staff, from justices of the peace and investigating judges, to

[1](#)5. (U) Charles offered the example of a recent initiative sponsored by the Bar Association designed to help alleviate the system's burdens. In  
IGOH and Security  
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[1](#)6. (C) Charles blamed the government for the recent decline in security in the capital. In his estimation, the interim government had never de  
Ministerial Ambitions?  
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[1](#)7. (C) Asked how he would address judicial reform if he were Minister of Justice, Charles responded that he would prefer to retain his positio

[1](#)8. (C) Charles criticized Gousse for lacking a clear strategy to address the problems with the judicial system. He said that Gousse often made  
Comment  
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9.(C) Overall, Gervais Charles presented sound initiatives to address key deficiencies in Haiti's justice system. Given the appropriate resourc

BioNote  
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[1](#)10. (C) An avuncular figure, Gervais Charles is well into his fifties, and speaks perfect English. He has a warm personality and gentle manner  
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